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In re Application of)	
CONAWAY W. et al.)	Art Unit:
Int. App. No. PCT/US00/04838)	Examiner:
Int. Filing Date: 25 February 2000 (25-02-00))	August 21, 2001
Title: Novel Component of Von Hippel-Lindau)	OMRF1001
Tumor Suppressor Complex and		
SCF Ubiquitin Ligase		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed simultaneously with a National Stage Patent Application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 371. Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following language as new paragraphs on Page 1 before "TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION"

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

A1 This application claims the benefit of and all rights of priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/121,787, filed February 26, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

The above language has been inserted into the Specification to reference a priority claim to the corresponding Provisional Patent Application. In view of the foregoing Amendments and Remarks, it is submitted that the Claims are in condition for allowance. Examination of the Application as amended is requested and allowance of the Claims at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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